(iii) Reduction in expenditure on outside repairs of aircraft by undertaking more in-house repairs;

(iv) Several posts of India based officers abroad have been abolished;

(v) Two voluntary schemes have been notified viz., shorter working week scheme and leave without pay/allowances scheme for a period of two years extendable upto five years;

(vi) rolling back of retirement age from 60 to 58 years.

**Frequent Flyer Programme by IA**

3810. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the measures which arc being taken up to achieve a major market share for IA in the highly competitive domestic sector; and

(b) whether the promotional package of "Frequent Flyer Programme" is a booster to its sales: if so, the detailed figures thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Indian Airlines has taken the following steps to retain a major share in the highly competitive domestic aviation market:

—Improvement in customer services;

- -Product upgradation;

-Marketing initiatives.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Frequent Flyer Programme (FFP) has helped Indian Airlines in retaining a sizeable number of passengers who frequently travel by air on business as well as personal trips.

In the financial year 1999-2000. Indian Airlines earned a revenue of Rs. 57 crores through FFP members travel.

**Expansion of services by AI**

3811. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India proposes to expand its fleet to different destinations;

(b) if so, the routes in which Air India was operating its fleet;

(c) the new routes/destinations to which Air India proposes to introduce its services; and